GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MADRASAS ON BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madrasas and Mosques situated on the border of Bangladesh is a threat to our security;

(b) if so, whether the security agencies has also expressed their concern over this; and

(c) if no, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): Security agencies have reported that a few places of worship and religious instruction located along India-Bangladesh border are being used by groups inimical to India`s interests.

(c): Vigilance is being maintained by the security agencies on the activities of religious institutions situated along the border. The State Governments have been advised to take action under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, wherever such places of worship/religious instruction are found to be indulging in illegal activities.